Daily Chicago Tribune.

VOLUME XVII. CHICAGO, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1863. NUMBER 142.

Chicago Tribune.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1863.

THE NEWS.

There is nothing late from the operations of Gen. Grant's army now in full chase after the demoralized pack of Bragg's whipped fugitives. Gen. Grant sends word to the Department that he has captured a lot of the Vicksburg paroled rebels, and is in a quandary as to the disposition he shall make of them. Gen. Sherman set a model example by shooting some of them at Jackson. The official report of our loss in the capture of Lookout Mountain and the storming of Missionary Ridge is set down at 5,800.

The Army of the Potomac at latest accounts was all across the Rapidan and still advancing. Our cavalry have had several skirmishes with the rebel outposts, driving them in and back to Orange Court House where a battle is expected unless Lee shall start for Richmond.

There was wild rebel report from Charleston via Mobile that the former pest of treason has been burning sixty-three hours, and that the remaining walls of Sumter have fallen, burying up the rebels. Later dates through Federal sources, however, make the story improbable. The news is too good to be true.

Formidable forces of rebels are organizing in Louisiana and Mississippi to plant batteries and impede the navigation of the river, and from the magnitude of these preparations it seems likely that the Father of Waters will not long go unvexed to the sea. There is work ahead for the gunboats.

A brilliant reconnaissance in Western Louisiana has resulted in the capture of the 4th Texas regiment.

The news from Gen. Banks' expedition continues cheering. Corpus Christi, capital of Nueces county, 200 miles southwest of Galveston, and Arkansas City and other rebel places have been captured.

Steamboat navigation on the Mississippi is a thing of fearful uncertainty. Our dispatches contain accounts of the burning of two boats, one of them accompanied by loss of life, the sinking of a third, and two more running the gauntlet of guerilla fire.

During the past week there have been received in this city, of live and dressed, not less than 100,000—the largest receipts ever known in this market in one week. Since the 1st of October the receipts foot up 526,471—an increase over the receipts of the corresponding period in 1862 of 185,959.

THE GALLANT 12TH ILLINOIS.

Home sights! Home with the bronze and scars of service, with soldier memories stored with unwritten volumes of thrilling experience in camp and field, with a record of valor as imperishable as the annals of this war, with a shining list of honored dead, with its invalided braves, so come back our gallant Twelfth Illinois Cavalry, on Saturday night, welcomed home again to Chicago by thousands of expectant citizens, who thronged the streets even at the midnight hour of their arrival, and with loyal cheers escorted them to the more formal and material welcome at Bryan Hall. As a whole, the ovation was fit to these noble men as it was creditable to our city.

And by the way, must it not be a trying time for a Copperhead, these occasions when the great heart of the people gushes with generous impulse towards our returning heroes. If it be thus with those who, cowed in hand, have crushed the rebellion by striking down armed enemies, who have beaten in the rebels, staying at no barrier of prejudice or compromise; if thus spontaneously the people endorse its warfare, what a reverse of scorn and contumely awaits the men who have done nothing for their country in its direst need, who have had no word but of detraction, no deed but of treason in the hour when the country called for all the fruits of loyalty.

No men have better earned their furlough than the noble Twelfth. Than this, no regiment better deserves to have the vacancies in its ranks filled up promptly with our best material. Colonel Hasbrouck Davis is every inch a soldier, and his men have a pride in him. The Twelfth is a splendid regiment, and its commander has proved it. With this happy reciprocity, all that is needed is for Illinois to fill every vacant saddle and send those veteran troops back to the army to open a fresh account with the rapscallions of Jeff. Davis, and be in at the death.

☞ The charter election in New York city takes place the first day in December—next Tuesday.

To Our Prisoners at Richmond.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The Sanitary Commission has this day dispatched from Bell's warehouse large invoice of clothing and stores for Union prisoners in Richmond. They have advised the Commission of their previous contributions by the rebel authorities, and that additional government supplies will be forwarded as soon as evidence is received of the proper distribution of what has already been furnished.

From St. Louis.

St. Louis, Nov. 29.—The steamer Silver Wave from St. Louis to Nashville, with a full load of Government stores, and about 100 rebel prisoners on board, struck a snag, sank, yesterday morning, about twenty-five miles above Cairo. It is thought she will be a total loss.

The weather is very cold here since yesterday morning, the thermometer ranging from 10 to 15 degrees below freezing point. Ice begins to appear in the river.

From New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—From returns received at the Adjutant General's office it appears that the number of soldiers entitled to this city under the new call for 300,000 during the past week is about 1,500. As the recruiting business was not fairly in operation until Monday last, this is considered a very encouraging result for the first week.

Albany Asking for Protection.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—A delegation of Chicago citizens, headed by Capt. Christy, called and gave their reports to Gen. McClellan, by request of the latter gentleman. Capt. Christy recounted the sufferings of citizens from being taxed, and asked the protection of the Government from depredations. He said the authority to issue passes to citizens of the rebellious States was a great evil, and that it would be better protected to establish the Indians to cultivate the soil and support themselves by their labor.

Gen. McClellan replied that he had represented the condition of the Indians to the proper authorities, and promised, if some measures for their improvement, he would afford their all protection in his power.

Increase of Tax on Spirits.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has concluded to recommend in his report to the Secy. of the Treasury that the present tax be increased from fifty cents to $1 on each gallon of spirits distilled from grain, or a few days, JOHNSON, Tribune.

WANTED—A Furnished for a single gentleman. Address P. Box 816.

WANTED—A respectable lady or gentleman to take a share in a well established business; one who can take charge of the business preferred. Address "TRUE," Tribune Office.

WANTED—Fifty Thousand Dollars, for which the best security will be given, and the highest rate of interest paid. Inquire of or address "TRUE," Tribune Office.

WANTED—By a young man, a room and board in a private family, where there is no other boarders. Address, stating terms, "BANKER," Post Office Box 1044.

WANTED—Scholarship in the Commercial College in exchange for board. Address Box 566, or Apply at 148 Dearborn-st.

WANTED—Two Firemen. Apply at the House of R. M. Greene & Co., Dearborn and Michigan streets. None but good men need apply.

WANTED—Agents, for a month now being made by good agents in the new and splendid Steel Engraving, LINCOLN AND HIS SONS, by Hon. Joseph A. Dugan. Price, $1 each copy. Address, or call on, or see the publisher in any part of the country, by R. M. LANDON, 40 Ann-st., Hartford, Conn. Agents' Manual, 25c.

WANTED—Wholesale Druggist, Chicago, wanted a situation by a young man who has been in Boston 3 years as clerk in a wholesale drug house, and can give good references. Address Box 1, Tribune Office.

WANTED.—A live man who is willing to engage with some wholesale house in the city, to open and introduce a new line of goods, corresponding, book, or stationery preferred. Address, stating terms, and what you can do, "ENERGY," Tribune Office.

WANTED.—A good second hand Hoe Cylinder Press, with Fixtures, Chase, Rollers, etc. Address, stating price, "PRESS," Box 816.

WANTED—$10,000, in cash, by a Farmer, active or silent, in a manufacturing establishment whose machinery is steam or hombug, but staple articles and of a kind and nature that will pay 50 to 100 per cent, and who can add experience in the business. Address "FARMER," Tribune Office.

WANTED—By two young men, large pleasant room with two beds, in a private family, at reasonable rates; will pay in advance if required. Address "R. S. T." Tribune Office.

WANTED—A situation for Groceries, Wine and Liquors, in one family, on the Army Contract. Address "ARMY," Tribune Office.

WANTED—A Bar-Keeper, a man to attend a bar. One who can produce the ability and integrity can have a good situation, and good reward, by applying at Tribune Office, with reference, P. O. Box 1, Chicago.

WANTED.—To Saloon Keepers, have a first-class Saloon that I want to have some smart young man wishing to learn the business, and I will give him a good situation. Address "A B C," Box 96, Kinmar, Indiana.

WANTED—A Lady wants to board with a private family or where there are no other boarders. Will furnish her own room if desired. Address "A. B. C." Tribune Office, Post Office Box 1008.

WANTED.—A lady accomplished in the art of chiselling a situation or teaching Drawing, Painting, Wax Work, Shell Work, Music, French and Drawing taught. Address "ELEVE," Tribune Office.

WANTED—A situation as Housekeeper, by a young woman, who has been in the business for years. Address "HOUSEKEEPER," Tribune Office.

WANTED—An experienced Engineer who has been in Boilers and Machinery. Address "ENGINEER," Tribune Office.

WANTED—475 a Month! I wanted to sell Sewing Machines. Address, or call on, or see the publisher, S. MADISON, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—A House with a barn. Lot to be of good size, within 3 miles from the Court House. Any person who can make a good bargain, will find it to their advantage to address, stating price and full particulars, "BARGAIN," Tribune Office.

WANTED—Boiler Makers, by the day or job, at the Shop, corner of Kinzie and Wells-sts., Chicago.

WANTED.—A Teacher of Music, a man years experience in instructing in music, and can give good references, Dr. Cochran and others. Address "MUSIC," North Branch Post Office.

WANTED.—A leading Grocery House wants a good salesman, one who can produce good testimonials of his ability and integrity, and who can speak German and English. Address, stating salary, with reference, "GROCERY," Tribune Office Box 96, Chicago.

WANTED.—A gentleman and wife, to board and take charge of a small house in another city. Address "J. R. T." Box 1, Tribune Office.

WANTED—Agents, $5 a day, to sell our Patent Rotary Shuttle Sewing Machines. Address MITCHELL'S NEW GENERAL AGENCY, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill. Agents wanted in every county in the Northwest. Address, with stamp, MITCHELL'S NEW GENERAL AGENCY, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—Good Men to work in every county in the Northwest, to sell the best selling Sewing Machine in the world. Address, with stamp, MITCHELL'S NEW GENERAL AGENCY, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—To Rent, Two or three Furnished Rooms, for a gentleman and wife, in a private family, where there are no other boarders. Address, stating terms, "B. C." Tribune Office.

WANTED—Men for the Mississippi Marine Brigade, to fill every vacancy in the Brigade. Apply at Rendezvous, Tremont House, Chicago.

WANTED—Board and Lodging, in a private family, by a gentleman and wife, in a pleasant location, North side north of Erie-st. Best of references given and required. Address Post Office Box 1008.

WANTED—A good second hand Cylinder Press, with Fixtures, Chase, Rollers, etc. Address, stating price, "PRESS," Box 816.

WANTED—A good girl, 18 years of age, wants a situation in family, where she can have a home. She is an orphan and desires a permanent home. Address Post Office Box 1008, or call on the Young Men's Christian Association, Reading Room.

WANTED—A good second hand Piano in exchange for a term of 6 months lessons in a good neighborhood. Price $40. Address "A. B. C." Box 96, Kinmar, Indiana.

WANTED—A Lady wants to board with a private family or where there are no other boarders. Will furnish her own room if desired. Address "A. B. C." Tribune Office, Post Office Box 1008.

WANTED.—A lady accomplished in the art of chiselling a situation or teaching Drawing, Painting, Wax Work, Shell Work, Music, French and Drawing taught. Address "ELEVE," Tribune Office.

WANTED—A situation as Housekeeper, by a young woman, who has been in the business for years. Address "HOUSEKEEPER," Tribune Office.

WANTED—An experienced Engineer who has been in Boilers and Machinery. Address "ENGINEER," Tribune Office.

WANTED—475 a Month! I wanted to sell Sewing Machines. Address, or call on, or see the publisher, S. MADISON, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—A House with a barn. Lot to be of good size, within 3 miles from the Court House. Any person who can make a good bargain, will find it to their advantage to address, stating price and full particulars, "BARGAIN," Tribune Office.

WANTED—Boiler Makers, by the day or job, at the Shop, corner of Kinzie and Wells-sts., Chicago.

WANTED.—A Teacher of Music, a man years experience in instructing in music, and can give good references, Dr. Cochran and others. Address "MUSIC," North Branch Post Office.

WANTED.—A leading Grocery House wants a good salesman, one who can produce good testimonials of his ability and integrity, and who can speak German and English. Address, stating salary, with reference, "GROCERY," Tribune Office Box 96, Chicago.

WANTED.—A gentleman and wife, to board and take charge of a small house in another city. Address "J. R. T." Box 1, Tribune Office.

WANTED—Agents, $5 a day, to sell our Patent Rotary Shuttle Sewing Machines. Address MITCHELL'S NEW GENERAL AGENCY, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill. Agents wanted in every county in the Northwest. Address, with stamp, MITCHELL'S NEW GENERAL AGENCY, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—Good Men to work in every county in the Northwest, to sell the best selling Sewing Machine in the world. Address, with stamp, MITCHELL'S NEW GENERAL AGENCY, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—Men for the Mississippi Marine Brigade, to fill every vacancy in the Brigade. Apply at Rendezvous, Tremont House, Chicago.

WANTED—Board and Lodging, in a private family, by a gentleman and wife, in a pleasant location, North side north of Erie-st. Best of references given and required. Address Post Office Box 1008.

WANTED—A good second hand Cylinder Press, with Fixtures, Chase, Rollers, etc. Address, stating price, "PRESS," Box 816.

WANTED—A good girl, 18 years of age, wants a situation in family, where she can have a home. She is an orphan and desires a permanent home. Address Post Office Box 1008, or call on the Young Men's Christian Association, Reading Room.

WANTED—A good second hand Piano in exchange for a term of 6 months lessons in a good neighborhood. Price $40. Address "A. B. C." Box 96, Kinmar, Indiana.

WANTED—Employment by a young man who is a good penman and accountant, or would take charge of a small business. Will furnish his own room or board himself. Address "ACCOUNTANT," Post Office Box 1008.

WANTED.—675 a Month! I want to sell Sewing Machines. Address, or call on, or see the publisher, S. MADISON, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—160 a Month! I want Agents at 160 a month to sell my Patent Shuttle Sewing Machine. Address, or call on, or see the publisher, S. MADISON, 167 Fulton-st., Chicago, Ill. Agents' Manual free. Address as above.

WANTED.—Knitting Every Farmer to know that the Celebrated Knitting Machine is now in Chicago, and that Knitting Yarn, Stockings, Mittens, Hoods, Comforts, Shirts, Drawers, etc., can be knitted in half the time and with less labor than by any other machine. Call and see samples at 167 Fulton-st., Chicago. SEAMON'S MILLIOT, General Agents.

Boarding.

BOARDING.—A few gentlemen can find pleasant board and lodging at 38 Washington-st.

BOARDING.—One last pleasant room, suitable for two gentlemen, with board, at 38 Washington-st.

BOARDING.—Board and lodging for a gentleman or wife, or two single gentlemen, at 38 Washington-st.

BOARDING.—Two Single Gentlemen can find pleasant rooms and board at 38 Washington-st.

BOARDING.—A room and board for two gentlemen, at the corner of Washington and Sherman-sts.

To Rent.

TO RENT—Two or three Rooms, for a family, at 38 Washington-st.

TO RENT—Rooms, at 38 Washington-st.

TO RENT—One Room, at 38 Washington-st.

TO RENT—Furnished Rooms, at 38 Washington-st.

TO RENT—Two Rooms, at 38 Washington-st.

TO RENT—Furnished Rooms, at 38 Washington-st.

TO RENT—Rooms, at 38 Washington-st.

TO RENT—Furnished Rooms, at 38 Washington-st.

TO RENT—Furnished Rooms, at 38 Washington-st.

TO RENT—Furnished

Chicago Tribune.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1863.

THE CHATTANOOGA CAMPAIGN.

We have now got far enough with the campaign, which commenced with Rosecrans' advance upon Chattanooga, to take it in as a whole, and to post up the accounts thus far. Bragg is now taking care of himself as well as he can about Dalton and Atlanta, *cards*, and by the time this meets the eye of the reader, there is no knowing where the telegraph will report him.

We have looked upon this campaign from the first, as not at all less in importance than that which gained us Vicksburg. It is a penetration into the very heart and soul of the Confederacy; and if successful it is difficult to see how that concern can keep itself upon its legs much longer. It cripples and kills, in the twin agency by which wars are carried on. It curtails their ground for supplies of food and material, and of men as well. It cuts away the parts of the machine itself, and of the oil and fuel which make it go. The rebels seem to have seen this more clearly than we have. Perhaps they saw it because they felt it. While Thomas holds Chattanooga and Burnside Knoxville, a barrel of flour costs one hundred and fifty dollars, and a ladies bonnet eight hundred dollars at Richmond. The bonnet might possibly be dispensed with, but the flour must be had; or there will be not only no stomach for rebellion, but no stomach for anything but famine. Hence it was a certainty that the rebels would do their utmost to hold Chattanooga and recover East Tennessee. The capture of the latter seems to have been a sad surprise to them. With Cumberland Gap and Chattanooga safe in their keeping, it did not occur to them that Burnside could get in there. That he should scale the Cumberland with an army sufficient to sweep them out as the wind sweeps out the chaff, and to clear Cumberland Gap the moment he got to it, was not among their calculations. Nor did they believe that Rosecrans could get Chattanooga any closer, than by direct attack, yet they were wrong in their ideas. Rosecrans might have fought them across the river with the force he had, till doomsday. But he was bound to have it, if strategy could do it; and strategy got it. When his columns began to emerge through the gaps in Lookout Mountains, headed toward Rome, Bragg thought it time to take himself out of Chattanooga. And how whether the battle of Chickamauga was fought to get into Chattanooga, as the friends of Rosecrans assert, or whether it was fought because he was tempted too far by success, is a question which may be left to get settled hereafter. It was fought, and against overwhelming numbers; and with what result?

The rebels have felt obliged to make the most of it for effect upon their cause, and have claimed it as a great victory, and we have conceded much more to the claim than there has been any necessity of doing. But if Rosecrans was fighting, as he declares, for Chattanooga, he was not defeated, for he gained it. If the rebels had beaten him with the decisiveness they claim, they ought to have driven him out. And their papers are blowing Bragg that he did not, and thus "reap the fruits of his victory."

But the truth was, and the result shows it, that it was no victory at all. They got the ground and a few wounded prisoners and a few guns thrown away, but they were as badly, if not worse, crippled than we; and their inaction since proves that the claim of victory was a hollow one. It is a question which will be asked by and by, why Rosecrans was left with a force so small, to undertake so much, at a point where the enemy would be sure to concentrate their efforts. Was it that the government was invincible to the magnitude of the risk? Was it due to the hatred existing between Halleck and Rosecrans? Was it somehow connected with the coldness between Rosecrans and Grant?

The public cannot know, at present, but whatever it was, Rosecrans gained his main point, and turned it over to his successor. The appointment of Grant marked the weakness.

Yet probably the slightness of the tenure by which we held Chattanooga after the battle, will scarcely be realized by the public. Some affirm that we could not have held it a week longer, but for the splendid movement of Smith and Hooker, which gave us the Lookout Valley and the river and settled the question of supplies. It settled also another thing: that the rebels were not strong enough for their position; and this fact Gen. Grant has just made real to the country by the glorious battle he has fought, by which Bragg is routed, and Northern Georgia is made ours.

Several things may be anticipated to follow this victory very soon. Burnside will be relieved, and the mountain ridge, with its clusters of valleys, extending through Southwestern Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Northern Georgia, will be confirmed in our possession.

Bragg is ruined. He stood only upon one leg before this; he will be done for irretrievably now. Nor have the rebels any very extended list of able generals to draw from to supply his place. Polk, Longstreet and Breckinridge are about all. Indeed the Confederacy seems about as badly reduced in generals as in currency and in the supplies of food to carry on the war.

But then they may console themselves with this: that they are not likely to want generals much longer; and if, between a restricted territory, its consequent want of food and men, of good generals, a tightening blockade, and the blows of our armies, there is not something of a collapse by and by down in Dixie, it will be a thing to be wondered at.

☞ Among the many home truths told by John M. Botts, in his letter to the Richmond *Examiner*, is this one:

"There is not one of those who aided to bring this war on, that would do it, if, with their present experience, it had to be gone over again, or if they could have foreseen what has followed." This is liberal fact. There is not a rebel of any responsibility whatever who dare tell Mr. Botts that what he asserts is untrue. Every man of them knows in his heart that the calculations upon which the rebellion was started have utterly failed. Could things be put back to the condition they were in on the day Abraham Lincoln was elected President, the conspirators, from Jeff Davis down, would rather jump into the James river, with weights about their necks, than have entombed the misery and humiliation which the war has entailed upon them. They embarked on their voyage of treason in the confident belief first, that the "craven, cowardly Yankee abolitionists" would not fight them; second, that their Northern democratic allies would open a fire in the rear in their behalf if the "Yankee abolitionists" attempted to resist secession; third, that France and England would not allow a blockade of the Southern ports to be established that would interfere with the export of cotton, which they fondly supposed to be king.

The progress of the war has undeceived the traitors. The "Yankees" have developed a courage, an endurance, a power and resources far beyond their estimate. The assistance furnished them by the Copperheads has fallen vastly below what was promised and expected, and the confidently anticipated foreign intervention never came, and now at the end of two and a half years, terrible struggle, France and England formally notify them that no other assistance than blockade running will be given them. Since July the rebel leaders have felt that their game was lost, but they resolved to hold desperately on in the hope that some streak of luck might let them out of their dilemma. The insection of our armies during the hot half of July, of August and September, gave them a breathing spell in which to recruit by conscription and violation of parole. The battle of Chickamauga, and the retreat of Meade revived their sinking spirits. But the chill blasts of November have nearly ruined them. Great concentrated his forces, then reestablished his communications. Meade suddenly advanced and captured two whole brigades from Lee, and drove him precipitately across the Rappahannock. Then, the day before Thanksgiving, Grant rushed in a blow that cracked Bragg's skull and sent him howling to the rear, and now Meade presses on Lee for the possession of Richmond. The leaders of the insurgents already begin to feel the hangman's rope about their necks. They are in a sea of calamity and disgrace, with rain and death staring them in the face.

THE PROCLAMATION.

The copperhead papers allege that Wendell Phillips in a speech in New Haven said, that the President told him last January that, "that the greatest folly of his life was the issuing of the Emancipation "Proclamation." Perhaps, he said so, but it is positively denied at Washington. Phillips, it is asserted, misquoted him; the extent of the President's remark was, that he doubted the efficacy of the Proclamation, and feared that it would not produce the good fruits claimed for it by the sanguine. But no matter if he did use the language alleged; he has since had abundant reason to change his mind. As long ago as last August he declared in his letter to the people of Illinois, that "the promise of Freedom being made must be kept." He expressed no regret for having issued it. He now considers it the wisest as well as greatest act of his life, and would rather suffer death at the stake than revoke it. It is well known that he approached the uttering of that great decree with caution and gave it to the world with reluctance. He was not clearly convinced that good would result; his conscience told him to do right and trust in God for the consequences, but the copperheads, conservatives and Kentucky influence" protested and threatened, to prevent it. The rebel slaveocracy dared him to launch the decree, and all Richmond pretended to laugh when he, on the 22d of September, gave them he hundred days warning. Before the first day of January they had ceased to laugh; nor did they reckon the act a "folly;" they were filled with grave apprehensions, but resolved to brave the consequences. None of the evils prophesied by the conservative croakers and copperhead holdbacks have come to pass. But on the other hand, the predictions of the radicals who urged the President to the act, are being fulfilled to the letter. It was the hardest blow yet struck at the rebellion. The rebels confess that it has done them immense if not fatal injury. It is knocking down the great pillar that upholds their edifice. When slavery is abolished the cause of the evil will be eradicated and there will not longer be anything to fight for. Peace must, in the nature of things, follow the extirpation of slavery. The Union cause is steadily acquiring strength from the Proclamation. It has put 40,000 colored soldiers into our armies, and ere long will give us 200,000 loyal, stalwart colored troops who will fully match rebels on the battle field, man for man. Few people professing loyalty would now advise the President to revoke his Proclamation; none indeed save a few of the most inveterate copperheads who really desire the Union destroyed and the rebellion to succeed. But they are as contemptible in numbers as they are rotten in patriotism.

☞ The rebellion exhibits all the symptoms of a pulmonary patient far gone "in decline." Like a poor consumptive, it has imagined itself "getting better." But after each coughing spell, night sweat, and hemorrhage on a battle field, and at other eyes, it was seriously worse. It is now in the last stages; it will "get better" but a few times more until it breathes its last. Like a poor victim of pulmonary disease, there is little left of it but the skin and bone; the flesh and blood and vigorous muscle that it enjoyed three years ago, have perspired and evaporated away. Rebellion against benificent Republican Government, has proven to be a very unhealthy business.

☞ If the War Department will send Adjutant Thomas to Grant's army to organize negro regiments he will obtain more men in Georgia, in one month, than all that have heretofore been put under arms. Enough can be had to garrison and hold the country conquered, and thereby enable the white veterans to move on to fresh conquests, without having their numbers diminished by garrisoning towns. General Thomas can obtain sufficient negro troops in Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina this winter, to do away with the necessity for the contemplated draft. This is one of the points of the great victory of Chattanooga.

☞ It would be difficult to tell which received the most damage at the battle of Chattanooga, the Confederates or Copperheads. While the former will feel the effect of this blow from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, the latter will experience a shock from Portland to San Francisco. If Chattanooga gave the rebels an attack of cholera, it has also given their sympathizers an awful spell of fits.

Improvement in Shell.

One of the great difficulties with which Gen. Gilmore at Charleston has to contend is the inaccuracy in the flight of shells, the "Parrot Gun" being the one which is mostly used. This he thinks but a great deficiency exists on account of the missile not taking the groove of the rifle, and, if so, only to such an extent as renders its flight very inaccurate.

The Parrot projectile gets its rotary motion from a "button" of copper, or plug, which by means of concussion is forced into the grooves of the rifle, the composition of the metal being often imperfect, rendering one part harder than another, and thus the discrepancy in flight occurs.

To a person familiar with the sounds produced by a missile in flight, (as, say, during the siege of Vicksburg,) the result of inaccuracy can usually be detected, the missile revolving lengthwise rendering the same useless.

Capt. Wm. S. Williams, of the 3d Ohio Battery, was stationed at Vicksburg, has made a style of shell, for rifled guns. It is not dissimilar to that already used, or made, by Hotchkiss, but his shell is cylindrical and is covered with a casing of iron, which is detached, and which is divided into two parts, between which are copper rings which serve as a guide to the rifle, by means of the concussion, forced to take the rifles, making the guaranty of motion doubly certain. Capt. Williams is now experimenting with his shell, and his invention is considered by all artillerists as successful.

The Release of Hon. Lucien Anderson.

Hon. Lucien Anderson, who was taken prisoner by the rebels at Mayfield, Ky., has been exchanged for Trusten Polk, and is now in route for Washington. This is a pleasant item of news. Anderson is one of the radical members of Congress elected from Kentucky. He is a warm emancipationist, wants Kentucky made a free State, endorses the Proclamation of freedom, goes in for confiscating the property of rebels, and advocates the employment of colored troops to help put down the rebellion and close up the war. He will go into the Union caucus at Washington and vote for its nominee for Speaker. If all Kentucky Unionists were like Anderson's, we should rejoice.

Fighting Rebels with Dogs.

Bloodhounds are used in the South by slaveholders and rebels, to hunt slaves and conscripts; but we were unaware that our forces made use of dogs in fighting the rebels. It appears, however, that the 21st New York volunteers, in the fight at Irish Bend, was assisted by a pet dog, which did the full duty of a soldier in the hottest of the engagement, and captured a rebel. The 21st was heavily pressed by a whole brigade of rebels, when the command was given to charge the enemy. The regiment dashed forward at double quick, driving the rebels before them pell-mell. The dog joined in the the charge, leading his regiment some distance, and, as the rebels were obliged to scale a fence in their flight, was soon upon their heels. He made for one of them, whom he seized by his rags, and there held him until a number of the 21st came up. The rebel, though a private, refused to surrender his musket to anybody of lower rank than himself. He was captured by a dog, nevertheless.

AJAX.—In answer to the letter of "Ajax," of Adrian, Michigan, respecting the draft, if he will look at the article again, he will perceive that it does not say $20,000, but "money" representing 20,000 men"—what? Why men of course, which would be six millions of money at $300 each.

☞ The 5th Ohio colored Regiment left Columbus on the 16th inst. for Fortress Monroe, and arrived there on the morning of the 17th, and reported to Gen. Butler. They were ordered to Norfolk.

THE CONTRABANDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Negro Regiments—Negroes in the Navy—The Condition they have Experienced—How the Contrabands Learn of a Free Country—Their Condition and Need—The number of Contrabands as Soldiers.

[From our Special Correspondent.]

MEMPHIS, Nov. 27, 1863.

THE CONTRABANDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Previous to the issuing of the President's Emancipation Proclamation, and while our brave boys were fighting with all their might and vigor to put down this wicked rebellion, slave after slave came within our lines and sought protection from the cruelty of their masters, showing by these acts that a great internal revolution was awakening among them, which would in time overrun the whole South. At first they were sent back to their rebel masters, driven outside of our lines by our officers, and only occasionally a few of them allowed to remain in the camps as servants to the officers or cooks for soldier's messes. Their simple stories of suffering, their patience, their willingness to labor, and their gratitude, soon attracted listening ears, and a sympathy arose among even the most ultra, for the poor degraded slave. The action of General Hunter in South Carolina, showed to the Government, that the slaves of rebels could be made valuable to our forces, in the best of tropical climates, for engineering purposes, and all labor that had a tendency to shatter the health of the white soldier subject to the malarious influences of a South Carolina clime. Since the President's Proclamation, prejudices on the subject have vanished, and the negro has been found to make a good, brave and faithful soldier, and has become a valuable auxiliary in the crushing out of this great rebellion.

The first of the Mississippi contrabands which your correspondent saw was at the Military Post of Island No. 10, where a camp of them is located. We arrived at the Island just about dusk, and saw scores of these people, of all ages, and in every variety of costume, shuffling along down to the river and filling their piggins with water for the night. They appeared happy and cheerful, and almost every day there would be a draft on them for some point, either for Government labor, for gunboats, or for house servants. Instructors are appointed for them and rations and clothing furnished them and they are expected to keep their quarters neat and comfortable, which duties they perform faithfully. There is another contraband camp at New Madrid below Island No. 10, situated similarly, while at the Government post of Fort Pillow in Tennessee is another large encampment. Fort Pickering, below Memphis, has a camp of about 3,000; Corinth, in Mississippi, has another depot, Helena, Arkansas, Milliken's Bend, Napoleon, the mouth of the Arkansas River, Skipwhik's Landing, Bayou Sara and Donaldsonville, Louisiana, all have contraband camps. Most of these camps have instructors sent out by the various Christian Commissions, and schools are established by which they receive instruction, while rations are furnished them by the Government, and clothing donated to them by the various contraband relief associations of the West. Many plantations laying idle on the Mississippi, having been deserted by their rebel owners, have been taken and the contrabands set to cultivating vegetables for the use of our troops in the field, and there are several Government cotton plantations cultivated by them below Helena, Arkansas, which plantations are protected by our gunboats and by whose guns our army force there is in the immediate vicinity.

NEGRO REGIMENTS.

It has been said by many, that the contraband would disappoint us in war and have proved satisfactorily that they will, and what is more that they will fight too. The first negro regiment that your correspondent saw was at Delaware, in Ohio, and from his own military experience, could not but admit that in many respects they were equal, if not better, than white troops. In the first place they have been born to obey, and that is one of the greatest characteristics of the soldier. Their natural pride of appearance makes them take pains to keep their uniforms neat and clean, and their natural love of music, makes them keep good time, and they are consequently more correct in their evolutions. The knowledge of the cruelties they have undergone, and the mode of treatment they may expect if they fall into the hands of the rebels makes them braver than they otherwise would be, but without this fear of a redistribution, they are brave when under good officers. This Delaware regiment spoken of, is not the only experiment which has met with success, but at Helena, Arkansas, and Donaldsonville, your correspondent saw four different regiments of contrabands, three of whom had seen active service, and had stood the fire of battle like veteran soldiers. There are two regiments of colored infantry at Helena, Arkansas, and Gen. Benedict commanding, who is proud of them, speaking of them as very efficient and orderly soldiers. Going up to his quarters, from the steamboat a few weeks since, in company with an ensign and paymaster, the negro sentinels came to a prompt present arms as we passed, and, after satisfying the double rows of buttons on the naval uniforms for those of army field-officers. I could not but admire how erect they stood, looking neither to the right or to the left, coming square to the front, and relapsing back to their former position, the moment the officers passed them. Their camps were neat and orderly, and as we passed through them, all look talking ceased, and those not having unasked politely touched their hats. Not a scrap of paper or litter of any kind was observed about their tents, the interior of which were in the neatest order. Their muskets were as bright as those of regular troops, their clothing neat, their accoutrements well cleaned and their shoes as bright as blacking could make them. The others were in similar trim, showing that the negro is susceptible of improvement, and willing to learn. There are now some five regiments on the banks of the Mississippi river at various points, and Gen. Banks, in his late Texas expedition, had a brigade of *soldiers of Africque* with him. The rebels, noting their efficiency, are now pressing them into the Confederate armies, and as they do so they become better and better. There is no earthly reason why we should not do the same. We are fighting for their freedom, and there does not be a negro who does not intuitively know that he is perfectly right to use them, and they too are willing to aid in crushing out the traitors who are striving to destroy our once happy and still glorious Union.

NEGROES IN THE NAVY.

The contrabands make sailors as well as soldiers, but they are more efficient as soldiers. In the Navy they are used principally as coal-heavers and for boats' crews. For boats' crews they are excellent, in fact the best boat's crew your correspondent ever rode after were contrabands belonging to the United States gunboat Kenwood at Baton Rouge. We were passing down in a small boat, and as most every gunboat in the Mississippi River Squadron has more or less of them. Some few of them make very fair ordinary seamen, but most all of them are used for the purposes above mentioned. Once in a while you come across an unruly one who has to be put in irons, but such cases are exceptions. On one of the trips of the dispatch boat New National, made in September last, on which the writer visited the Red, Acting Volunteer Engineer Oliver of the United States gunboat Marion, who was on board, proposed exercising a part of the negro crew at the guns, asking your correspondent to do so. Assent was given and Mr. Oliver stationed them at a Dahlgren boat howitzer. He first placed them at their station, explained the drill to them and then exercised them, asking them questions how they would do this and that. He drilled them about an hour, got them interested, so that at the end of the drill they succeeded very well in understanding what was to be done in case of action. He then drilled them with a thirty-two pounder gun, and from the interest they manifested, it was evident that they could be easily learned gun exercise. In the afternoon, it so happened that we had a guerilla skirmish at Island 65, and being on the gun deck watching the fringe of white cotton, my eyes turned towards the contrabands, who did not seem to fear the danger they were temporarily exposed to, but remained quietly washing the dishes, and endeavoring to explain to each other how the guns should be worked. After the firing was over I called the attention of Mr. Oliver, which to the fact, who informed me that on board of the Mauilton he had one of the best gun's crew in the fleet, composed entirely of negroes, and that they were willing to learn, and when they did learn they did not forget, and that he should feel perfectly safe in any engagement with them, as they thoroughly understood handling the guns.

The natural robustness of the negro is a good reason why he should be used for service in the field. They are more healthy than the whites, can stand the climate better, and are not subject to the miasmatic diseases which infest the country lying in the delta of the Mississippi river. They can also bear fatigue and heat better than the white soldier, and do not require so much care. It is said that among the various negro regiments in service, that during the past six months, the average sickness has been almost fifty per cent less compared with the white regiments, and in the navy a still larger difference can be observed. Having visited over forty different hospitals, both at garrisons and in the field, your correspondent never found over three negro patients among the sick in all these hospitals.

THE CONFLICTING CONTRABANDS HAVE EXPERIENCED.

On the first Sunday in November, while on board the New National, and after the article of war had been read to the crew, in compliance with the order of the Department, the substance of this article was sent for by Surgeon Forstle Clapp, U. S. N., to witness the medical examination of some negro sailors, taken from the contraband camp at Fort Pillow. Eighteen of them were brought out into a vacant space on the port side of the gun deck, where they were sheltered from the weather and made to strip themselves for examination. After the Doctor had sounded and thoroughly examined them, he made them run the length of the deck with all their speed three times without stopping, then jump up as high as they could three times, and if they could go through this, showing they were perfectly sound. They were then and their names passed on the ship books, to be paid according to their efficiency. During the examination, the scars on the backs of the whip, knife, and burns from hot iron, which covered many of their bodies, were frightful to behold, and the hundreds of stories of cruelty practiced on the slaves, founded upon by rebels as myth, were here too truth-fully exemplified. One fine looking negro, who gave his name as Burrell Harris, showed the marks of five stripes from his neck to his waist, some of which were welts of the consistency of whip cords. Another good looking and intelligent boy, not over eighteen years of age, had his arm burned in four places, and his breast was covered with scars from the lashes of the whip, another one, the name of Andrew Jackson, and who belonged to a planter near Vicksburg by the name of Bowen, showed the effects of bloodhounds' teeth on his arm and thighs, and his back was scarred with wounds. His master, offended at him, because he gave some food to a poor wounded Union prisoner, had him tied up and whipped, and because he remonstrated with his master for using his wife, who was pregnant, he was heavily ironed, then stretched on a frame and beaten until his back was one mass of blood, when he fainted and then was sprinkled with salt water, suffering most excruciating tortures. He escaped from his master on the day that Vicksburg surrendered, but was retaken and again beat unmercifully. His master carried him into Arkansas, from whence he escaped into the Union lines and made his way to Fort Pillow. His wounds still were strong and he was pensed, and I'll warrant you, Jackson, when fighting, will remember the past, and will him will real severe retribution on the slaveholder. There were others of these, who had escaped the lash, the bloodhound and the brand, but they had heard of freedom, sought it and found it. These are but few out of the hundred examples that daily come in our notice, when travelling among the tenders of the so-called Southern Confederacy, and if you will go into the contraband camps, or even examine some of the contrabands you meet on our cities in search of employment, you will find that the above account is far from being an exaggeration—for they will tell it themselves. It is hoped that these cruelties will soon have an end, and I am not at all alive when I say that the sooner the rebellion is crushed out, the wiped out, the better it will be for the Union.

HOW THE CONTRABANDS LEARNED OF THE PROCLAMATION.

While at Fort Pillow, the writer was attracted by a large, intelligent negro woman, not over thirty years of age, who came into the contraband camp with her husband, from Arkansas. Her husband was a good looking fellow of some five years older than his wife, was a carpenter by trade, and was taken on board of the Brown as a steamboat hand. He had formerly lived in Louisiana, and being smart, was taught by his young mistress to read a little. The former master he had lived with failed in business and his negroes had to be sold, among whom was this man, whose name was Tom. Tom was purchased by a trader and sold to a planter living above Little Rock. The planter was a dissipated man, and when drunk, would often beat Tom. One day, while Tom's master had gone out with a guerilla party, of which he was a member, Tom was called to the house, and seeing a newspaper on the table, which was torn—picked it up and carried it to his cabin, and by a fire of pine knots, at night, when the overseer was gone to bed, read the Proclamation of Mr. Lincoln. He did not dare speak of it to the other negroes on the plantation, but he told his wife, and they talked together the little money she had saved up, and with a small bundle of clothes the two ran away the first night, and hid in the woods, laying in the woods during the day time, and traveling at night, until they reached our pickets near Fort Pillow. The woman, who was known, however, mysteriously, and as mysteriously circulated, despite the efforts of the planters to conceal it, the news among the negro hands at Fort Pickering, Memphis, tells the following story: During the month of August last, a negro woman and child came into the camp at Milliken's Bend, which is about away from Nonubee county, Mississippi, as she had heard of the freedom granted to the slaves by the President, and she had got the information from her brother, who could read, and he had read it in a Southern newspaper. Being a house servant, she heard the planters talk about the war and read about the battles, and then she would go out to the negro quarters and tell her brother, and he would slip off in the night and tell the negroes on other plantations, and get back in time for the morning call to work. She said that ever since the fight at Fort Sumter on the breaking out of the war, the negroes were informed of what the North were doing and that they confidently expected to be freed, and were not surprised when the Proclamation was issued. She said that the negroes had secret societies and met in the woods and caves, and had signs and grips, and it was the duty of every member to inform the lodges of what concerning them he had heard among the white folks. She further stated, that they frequently got northern as well as southern newspapers and that they were in general thing the home events were well posted in all the places of the rebellion on both sides.

Many of the negroes who came into the contraband camps appeared to have considerable money in gold and silver. All this money was the fruits of their own hard earnings, and not a single cent of stolen money could be found about them. One woman had hidden in her bosom, tied up in an old cotton handkerchief, twenty dollars in gold and nine dollars in silver, all in halves and quarters. Another had twenty dollars in five dollar gold pieces, and another had the silver tied up in a newspaper, and as a coincidence, the same paper was found to be a copy of the New York Freeman, containing an account of the death of the abolitionist Ellsworth. These too, had heard of the Proclamation, through the secret negro societies of the South.

This money, which the contrabands bring into camp, is taken charge of by the superintendent of contrabands, who gives them a receipt for it, and gives it out to them as they need it. Nearly every contraband having some gold and silver, a large amount of specie is thus taken away for safe keeping, every dollar of which is carefully accounted for, they having the handling of what they need, it only being placed in their safe keeping, so when they leave the camp, the money due them is given back, a premium being allowed them for their currency.

THE NUMBER OF CONTRABANDS SEED.

The rapid increase of negroes from all parts of the South, who are filling the contraband camps, requires extra arrangements for their supplies, and also for the employment of some of the women. The men can be used on our naval gunboats, and on our steamers, but they can be better used by forming them into regiments of soldiers at once, at some convenient point, and getting them ready for active service in the field. They can also be employed on plantations in the immediate vicinity of our gunboats or land forces, to raise vegetables for the army and the hospitals; in this the women can aid and make them labor valuable to the Government, as well as profitable to themselves. The women and children are helpless in private families, as laundresses in hospitals, and in some instances as nurses. There is enough for them all to do, and it needs some enterprising person who understands the character of the negro to superintend them and apportion their work, and they are as suitable to this as fast as they are received, so that they will not become an incubus upon the Government. The children should be properly cared for and taught to labor for their own welfare. The United States contraband, and the various Christian commissions, throughout the Union are doing a noble work, and still doing all in their power to better the condition of the freed slave, but they need more aid in the work than the benevolence of christian people books. While at their camps they are supplied with Government rations, and are well cared for, but they must be taught to labor for themselves, then they will better appreciate the liberty which the great and good Government has granted to them.

THE NUMBER OF CONTRABANDS AS SOLDIERS.

The number of contrabands enlisted into the service of the United States, in the West and Southwest, are as follows: The 1st Ohio, now in camp at Delaware, Ohio, amounting to about 800 men; two regiments at Helena, comprising 1,000 men; one at New Madrid, Mo.; six at Corinth, Miss.; four at Nashville, Tenn., making about 7,000 men; one at Port Hudson, La., of 1,000 men; twenty regiments in the Department of the Gulf, amounting to 17,000 men; five regiments at Vicksburg, of 5,000 men; one at Fort Pickering, Memphis, tells the following story: During the month of August last, a negro woman and child came into the camp at Milliken's Bend, which is about away from Nonubee county, Mississippi, as she had heard of the freedom granted to the slaves by the President, and she had got the information from her brother, who could read, and he had read it in a Southern newspaper. Being a house servant, she heard the planters talk about the war and read about the battles, and then she would go out to the negro quarters and tell her brother, and he would slip off in the night and tell the negroes on other plantations, and get back in time for the morning call to work. She said that ever since the fight at Fort Sumter on the breaking out of the war, the negroes were informed of what the North were doing and that they confidently expected to be freed, and were not surprised when the Proclamation was issued. She said that the negroes had secret societies and met in the woods and caves, and had signs and grips, and it was the duty of every member to inform the lodges of what concerning them he had heard among the white folks. She further stated, that they frequently got northern as well as southern newspapers and that they were in general thing the home events were well posted in all the places of the rebellion on both sides.

POST OFFICES ESTABLISHED.

Phelps, Allegan County, Mich., P. M., Brown's Valley, Montgomery Co., Ia., O. W. Jones, P. M.

Chasberg, Vernon, Wis., Jos. W. Hoyt, P. M.

Harker's Corners, Peoria Co., Ill., Wm. Blandin, P. M.

Bridgeport, Jackson Co., Iowa, Horatio G. Haskell, P. M.

Buffalo Fork, Kossuth Co., Iowa, S. H. Reed, P. M.

Grove Hill, Bremer Co., Iowa, F. Harwood, P. M.

Clay Hill, Jones Co., Iowa, M. C. Waters, P. M.

ZETA.

Mr. John Ruskin on English Neutrality.

The following remarkable letter, dated Zurich, 24th October, 1863, was received from Mr. Ruskin, as an apology for not attending a meeting at the Liverpool Institute for the distribution of prizes awarded by the Department of Science and Art:

I beg to acknowledge your favor of the 20th October. My health does not now admit of my taking part frequently in public business, yet I should have been with you on receipt of invitation of the directors of the Liverpool Institute, but that, for the time being, my temper is so soured that I should be useless. I am wholly unable to go on with any of my proper work, owing to the horror and shame with which my country's proceedings have taken, or rather sunk into, by England, in her foreign relations, especially in the affairs of Italy and Poland. What these matters have to do with art, may not at first be clear, but I can perhaps make it so by a short affidavit. Suppose I had been engaged for the English public for twelve lectures on art to his son. Matters at first go smoothly, and I am diligent in my definitions of art. I meet my pupil every morning, at breakfast time, a ticket-of-leave man takes a fancy to murder a girl on the road leading from the city, and make them in window. My patron, hearing the screams, puts down his paper, adjusts his spectacles, slowly approaches the window, is going on, and rings the bell for his smallest footman, who has my card and compliments to that gentleman outside the hedge, and tell him that his presence is very inconvenient to Mr. John, and to me personally offensive. Had that road passed through my property, I should have felt it my duty to shoot the ticket-of-leave man and returns with it; the ticket-of-leave man finishes his work at his leisure; but the incident ceasing as he file the girl's mouth with clay, the English gentleman returns to his muffins, and congratulates himself on having kept out of that mess. Presently afterwards he sends for me, to know if I shall be ready to lecture on Monday. I am somewhat nervous and answer—I fear much, sir, your son is a good lad; I hope he will grow to be a man, but, for the present, I cannot teach him anything. I should like, however, to teach him something, but have no words yet for the lesson. Which, indeed, I have not. It may any word on such matters, people ask me, 'would I have the country go to war? Do I know how dreadful a thing war is?' Yes, truly, I know it; I know it so well, so much better—so ill that I would not spend twenty millions a year in making machines for it, neither my holidays or poorest money in playing at it; yet I would have the country go to war, with haste, in a good quarrel; and, which perhaps is eccentric in me, rather in another's quarrel than in her own. We say of ourselves, complacently, that we will not fight for an idea, but the phrase interpreted means only that we will go to war for a bale of goods, but not for a principle. I say, if I would ask you to favor me so far as to read this letter to the students at your meeting, and to tell them that I am thinking your son is well, but for the present I am too sad to be of any service to them; that our wars in China and Japan are not the best of our good subjects for historical pictures; that 'blood happies, unfortunately, to be, in art, the principal thing; and that a country which will not fight for its ideas is not likely to have anything worth painting.

"I have the honor to be, sir, your faithful servant, J. RUSKIN."

Horrible Tragedy.

London has been startled by a fearful tragedy. A woman and twelve children lay dead in a public cab in which they took passage on a recent Saturday evening, from the Kendish station to some of London. So terrible an event happening in a public vehicle, and on a great thoroughfare at a time when it was densely thronged, and without any outcry or violent manifestations of any sort, by the victims, sent a thrill of horror through the community. From the testimony in the case it appeared that a man with his wife and two children engaged the cab, and the driver started for his destination. On reaching the Dragon tavern, when the man in the cab sent him to fix a pot of beer. The beer was got and drank by the inmates of the cab, the man on passing out the pot, turning it mouth downward, spilling whatever was left of its contents upon the pavement. The driver then went on to Holborn, where the man got out and paying the fare, with a sixpence extra, directed him to go to the Royal Oak, where he arrived only to find that his cab contained three corpses! During two days no trace of the murderer could be discovered, but on the night of the second day he was detected and arrested. He proved to be a man named S. H. Hunt, employed in a drug establishment, whose departure from home with his family and return without them, and the description of the murdered persons, had excited the suspicions of his neighbors. He had fastened himself into his house, and when he heard the police demanding admission, took poison, from which he died soon after they gained entrance and arrested him. He lived unhappily with his wife, and to get rid of her destroyed his whole family, by poisoning the hour which the cab driver brought for him. The conception and execution of the triple murder under such circumstances was one of the boldest and most startling in the annals of crime.

☞ Parson Brownlow sends the following dispath to the Cincinnati *Commercial*.

CAMP LUCKIE, Ky., Nov. 26, 1863.

General Burnside still holds Knoxville, and has held his position against Longstreet's large odds. He is a moral and military hero, and has endeared himself to the Union men of East Tennessee as no other man ever did, and deserves the honor and confidence of the whole country.

My family are in Knoxville, and I am on my way to Cincinnati—advised to leave by the military authorities. I shall return by Chattanooga. W. G. BROWNLOW.

LETTER FROM EX-ORDERLY.

"A Soldier's Psalm to Woman."

[From our Special Correspondent.]

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Nov. 24, 1863.

Will the TRIBUNE accept the thanks of a soldiers for its humane and noble labors in behalf of the Sanitary Commission, and more especially for its valuable services in assisting to shape and direct to successful issues the recent "Ladies' Fair," that accomplished such beneficent results for our sick and wounded comrades? I suppose we must acknowledge it to be true that, herded together as—from the nature of our occupation—we must inevitably be, and deprived of all the refining associations which belong to home and its sacred privacies, we lose insensibly something, perhaps much, of that delicate purveyor of character which is no less a glory unto manhood than a beauty upon woman; but while we acknowledge this, and regret it perhaps more than you can think, we should be very sorry to have our friends imagine us so far degenerated as to be incapable of rising to higher levels than those of selfish existence. Believe me it is not so; and I am sure that if you could look into our hearts and see the feeling with which we regard your untiring advocacy of whatever does and ministers to our comfort and benefit, and could understand our loathing execration of that small malignancy and petty devilishness which puts—in the face of the Free, and its little clique of traitors—have so often to encounter and brush aside, you would feel no hundred fold repaid for whatever outlay of money, time, or patience you have given since the breaking out of the war. I cannot, however, refrain from saying that, in the case of Sorory, I think you are sometimes a little too severe. It is not necessary to use a trip-hammer in crushing a mosquito; and although I do not doubt that the tiny venom of the noxious insect is enough to make a man vexed and angry, yet, because in such a case, he feels, that the villanous instinct of the fellow, *Sorory*, are so much greater than his intellectual capacity, and that although he is a monster in evil, he is by no means a giant in ability, I feel inclined to censure you for unnecessary severity of flagellation. I hope, my dear Tribune, you will remember bear in mind the injunction of leniency implied in the scriptural passage "A merciful man is merciful unto his beast," and adapt your corrective measures so much to the actual harmlessness of the brute as to his inherent viciousness and depravity.

Whatever further sacrifices we may be called to make, or whatever added sorrows we may have to bear, I am quite satisfied that no decay of vital national force and character is possible for a people whose wives and mothers and maidens are so prodigal of charity and love as, thank God, are those of our own land. Into no other war which I can remember, or of which I have ever read, has this sustaining element of woman's influence entered in anything like the degree which this struggle attests. Every day and hour our thoughts go out towards our homes, our hearts are cheered and strengthened, our whole lives are made nobler and more enduring—we become better and better as efficient soldiers—by this knowledge that in whatever, for our cause we do or suffer, we are upheld by the tender arms of woman, through all the length and breadth of the loyal land. This knowledge is our redeeming influence; and many a brave, impulsive youth, accustomed to savagery and sensuality, with opportunity from without, inquiring with desire from within, has stopped to think of his mother, or sister, or the loving friend would say, and so has kept his heart pure and clean from the contaminations which beset him.

And so I believe that, because the lips of love have made haste to kiss the lips of duty and patriotism, your correspondent is not in the methods of action proper to our circumstances—the heart of the nation is still wise and right. Wherever, in the sky of any darkness, there is a little shriek of terror, the judgment angels have been heard, plunging for their prey, it has never been until moral corruption has contracted the body of the nation to a caress. Remembering which, and from my place in the ranks seeing how, all over the country, the hearts of the loyal throbs with one impulse and beats with one desire, and that the chief rivalry is as to which among us shall most nobly sacrifice most instead of least for the great cause that envelopes us all—I am justified in saying that that which is working among us is not death, but life; that the sun of our nationality has not set; that a higher and better life than any to which we have yet attained awaits us; and that although the way is filled with blackness and draped with blood and flame, we shall—please God—fall neither of our royal inheritance nor our royal privilege.

Meanwhile, give me leave to add my own humble singing to the praises of the gracious ministrings of woman, and be women as I have seen them, I wish it were worthier, and filled with better music; but if, falling in speech, I hold my life in my hand as evidence of the sincerity of what I sing, I think I need not say—shall not this in some degree compensate for a stammering tongue, and somewhat of rude music? I will only be patient with them, knowing them to be sister and trying to awaken among them a sense of pride and honor, that they may appreciate the working out of their own salvation. We need them as soldiers and we must use them as such, and by their united aid the rebellion will yet be quelled. The rebels see the practicability of such a course, and show that they are getting over their squeamishness by adopting it, and we, too, will carry out the same principle. R.

Wonderful Escape from Death.

Mr. John S. Beggs, the Mail Agent on the steamer Grey Eagle, has furnished the New Albany Ledger with the

Amusements.

WICKERS'S THEATRE.

RAVEL TROUPE AT THE MUSEUM.

Every Evening this Week and Wednesday and Saturday Afternoons.

METROPOLITAN HALL.

ARLINGTON, KELLY, LEON & SOPHIENS MINSTRELS.

MARTINE'S DANCING ACADEMY

PHOENIX HALL, BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

CHICAGO MUSEUM.

Holman Opera Troupe!

THE BOHEMIAN GIRL.

To conclude with MRS. PARTINGTON.

VARIETIES.

115 & 117 Dearborn street.

GRAND TRIUMPHANT ATTRACTION!

Mr. BENJ. WHEELER, The Great Irish Vocalist.

Big DAVIS, the Excellent Pantomimist.

THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION.

NEGRO ACTS, SONGS, DANCES &c.

The Inimitable Pantomime, HARLEQUIN AND CINDERELLA.

SCALE OF PRICES:

ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE Illinois St. Andrew's Society

Will be held at the BRIGGS HOUSE, ON MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 30th.

Dinner on the table at half-past 5 o'clock. Tickets are now ready at the Briggs House, Tremont, Sherman, Matteson, Palmer, Clifton, Metropolitan, Sherman, Lake Shore, Illinois Central, Pacific, Michigan Southern, Rock Island, Galena, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, Chicago & Milwaukee, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago & Alton, Adam Murray, George Anderson and the undersigned. All Scotchmen and their friends are invited to join in the festivities of ALD SANDY'S DAY.

MARTINE'S DANCING ACADEMY, corner Clark and Monroe streets. All late and fashionable Dances taught in the most thorough manner, at all times for beginners, ladies & gentlemen. Classes Monday & Saturday evening. MISS EMMA KELLY, Lady Teacher. Mr. MARTINE, Professor. 1-1-1-

Chicago Tribune.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1863.

THE CITY.

THE RUMSEY-COLBY SUIT.

Colby Claims $50,000 Damages From Ramsey.

A VERDICT OF "NOT GUILTY."

SUPERIOR COURT—W. F. COLBY vs. JULIAN RAMSEY, JOHN INGERSOLL, SAMUEL BARTON AND OTHERS.—This case of W. F. Colby vs. Julian S. Ramsey, for libel, tried before Judge Gary, on Friday and Saturday of the past week, is so identified with the history of the city government, that in connection with a short report of the trial, we propose to give a brief resume of the facts out of which it arose.

It appears that in 1858 there existed in Chicago a various association by the name of the Chicago Street and Cable Railway Company, which interests were obliged to make large use of the streets called the Western Avenue. This Western Avenue being in a somewhat heavy condition, the company focused in hand it paved, and presented the question of an ordinance for paving it at the city's expense, contracted under the ordinance to do the work, and within the first two weeks after its passage, had actually completed a little of it. In the interval, however, the Council sent something, which led them to repeal the ordinance at the regular meeting, immediately succeeding the one which adopted it. The work on Western Avenue, however, being for the interest of the C. S. & C. R. Co., was not suspended by the repeal of the ordinance. The company went on and completed it, and finally claimed that the cost of the work should be made up to them by the city, a claim which the authorities refused to recognize.

Upon concerning this claim, Julian M. Mayo, and E. D. Wheaton, Comptroller of the City, who treated the Journal as spoken of especially responsible to William F. Colby, one of the C. C. & S. R. Co., and one of the such Colbert for the year; who was working hard to have the claim allowed.

We do not intend to do anything more than barely allude to the fight among the city officials growing out of political, and partly of personal motives, of which Comptroller Ward was the central figure, in 1861, for to the tedious investigations and counter investigations that were made by the Common Council. It will be remembered that among these "investigations" was one in which Alderman Colby made himself especially active, founded upon the statements of a paper purporting to be signed by one Ramsey, then a member of the city police, and under John Wentworth, but which was shown to be the production of a Mr. Pitel, formerly editor of the Chicago Journal. This paper virtually accused Ward with collusion with the Mayor of the city, and with covering his defalcation with Bellamy's money. It was intended to detail a conversation between Ward and Wentworth during the security Ward was in which the latter had collected his defalcation, and the latter had said to conceal it. The statements of this paper were the subject of special and prolonged investigation by a committee of the Common Council, with a view to Ward's removal, in the course of which Ramsey was examined before the committee, and gave the following evidence:

1. With swearing into a conspiracy to injure the character of Mayor Wentworth, and defeat his re-election, by making so-called charges against him, thereby endeavoring to procure his removal from office, that he (Ramsey) might receive from the parties who had so sworn to employ them, and by so doing, deliberately injuring the good character of the City of Chicago, which he as Alderman is bound to protect.

2. With using improper means to induce other Aldermen to join in the conspiracy mentioned before his or other men had intended to make such charges.

3. With using improper means to induce other Aldermen to sign a recommendation to have a certain claim paid belonging to Hillsberg and Colby against the City of Chicago, which he (Ramsey) knew to be false, and which was swindling the city if he succeeded in getting it paid.

4. Acting deliberately (having said last charge which he is endeavoring to sell or lay) with such in innocent parties.

5. Having said to Alderman Ingersoll in innocent party issued by the city to Hillsberg and Colby for work done on Western Avenue, amounting with interest thereon to the sum of $50,000, that Colby, the same having in his knowledge been paid by the city, which was false, and he knew it.

6. With using improperly in many ways in matters relating to the city government, during the time that he was an Alderman, which are investigated by the Board will show.

7. In the opinion of a committee has the right to compel witnesses and compel them to answer questions, and respectfully suggest that as the Council has the power it then (after) not yet adopted some early time to investigate these charges, which appear to be found to be true has a sufficient reason to justify such action, to expel Alderman Colby from this body.

Out of this report, the action of the Mayor to the Common Council, arose two judicial, or quasi judicial trials, one of them was the inquiry by the Common Council into the truth of the charges thus preferred by the Mayor, an inquiry occupying some four months, and advertised, reported which was it not made by Hill, the celebrated stenographer, and by Ward, the clerk of the Mayor, prepared and he had at the Mayor's office, for the benefit of all enthusiasts in this description of literature.

The other one was the suit of Colby vs. Ramsey for libel, brought in the Superior Court some two years ago, and tried before Judge Gary on Friday and Saturday.

In this case, plaintiff based his declaration in libel on the words of the two-introductory paragraphs of the Mayor's communication, and not on the language contained in the specific charges, themselves, the latter unfortunately falling within the class of privileged communications.

To the declaration, defendant pleaded only the general issue.

The facts and result of the trial were briefly as follows: After opening the case to the jury in a pertinent speech, Mr. Lincoln, counsel for the plaintiff, offered in evidence from a certified copy of the Mayor's communication, the language on which the plaintiff relied as a ground of action.

He then produced Ald. Colby as a witness, who proved the publication of the libel, by his own reading of the communication of the Mayor to the Council, and then being refreshed his memory by a previous report, he stated that Colby is now 51 years of age, resides in Chicago, before spoken of, testified to certain statements made under oath before the Council, during that investigation, relating to conversations between defendant, members of the Council and others, held before the investigation commenced. In these conversations defendant had spoken very freely of Colby's character and practices, and had in connection with the claim for Mendelson, Western Avenue, characterizing the latter as a fraud, a swindle, and Colby himself as a rascal and a scoundrel. This testimony was introduced, on counsel for plaintiff offered, by way of impeachment, to show that defendant in his communication to the Council was actuated by malice against the plaintiff.

Counsel for defendant attempted to cross-examine the witness with reference to the nature of the transactions to which he referred, while speaking of plaintiff, had reference, and thus rebut the presumption of malice, by showing that the language was such as any honest man would naturally apply to transactions of that description. But the Court ruled against the admission of such evidence, on the ground that the language of the libel was in itself actionable, and that the question of its truth or falsity was not in issue, and that the question of malice, if arising, was to be determined by the jury, from the fact of the publication of the libel itself.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Chicago, Nov. 2, 1863.

Gentlemen of the Common Council: I believe that Alderman Colby, in connection with Messrs. A. C. Allsberry, C. C. Pitel, and perhaps other prominent persons, have been endeavoring to have the Comptroller removed from office for the following reasons, viz: Because he (Ward) would be better able to swindle the City on some old claims in which they are said to be interested, and that they might gratify a personal animosity against him, probably originating in the fact that they would not pay such claims.

In the endeavor to accomplish this object it was quite evident that they (the parties before mentioned) have been getting committee, but, forgery and perjury were both made use of. As forgery, but one instance, I will cite the case of Mendelson, a city official, I stand ready to prove, and proceed to the consideration of the case of Alderman Colby.

And I accuse Alderman Colby:

1. With swearing into a conspiracy to injure the character of Mayor Wentworth, and defeat his re-election, by making so-called charges against him, thereby endeavoring to procure his removal from office, that he (Colby) might receive from the parties who made them, and by so doing, deliberately injuring the good character of the City of Chicago, which as Alderman he is bound to protect.

2. With using improper means to induce other Aldermen to sign a recommendation to have a certain claim paid belonging to Hillsberg and Colby, against the City of Chicago, which he (Colby) knew to be false, and which was swindling the city if he succeeded in getting it paid.

3. Acting deliberately (having said last charge which he is endeavoring to sell or lay) with such in innocent parties.

4. Having said to Alderman Ingersoll in innocent party issued by the city to Hillsberg and Colby for work done on Western Avenue, amounting with interest thereon to the sum of $50,000, that Colby, the same having in his knowledge been paid by the city, which was false, and he knew it.

5. With using improperly in many ways in matters relating to the city government, during the time that he was an Alderman, which are investigated by the Board will show.

6. In the opinion of a committee has the right to compel witnesses and compel them to answer questions, and respectfully suggest that as the Council has the power it then (after) not yet adopted some early time to investigate these charges, which appear to be found to be true has a sufficient reason to justify such action, to expel Alderman Colby from this body.

Out of this report, the action of the Mayor to the Common Council, arose two judicial, or quasi judicial trials, one of them was the inquiry by the Common Council into the truth of the charges thus preferred by the Mayor, an inquiry occupying some four months, and advertised, reported which was it not made by Hill, the celebrated stenographer, and by Ward, the clerk of the Mayor, prepared and he had at the Mayor's office, for the benefit of all enthusiasts in this description of literature.

The other one was the suit of Colby vs. Ramsey for libel, brought in the Superior Court some two years ago, and tried before Judge Gary on Friday and Saturday.

In this case, plaintiff based his declaration in libel on the words of the two introductory paragraphs of the Mayor's communication, and not on the language contained in the specific charges, themselves, the latter unfortunately falling within the class of privileged communications.

To the declaration, defendant pleaded only the general issue.

The facts and result of the trial were briefly as follows: After opening the case to the jury in a pertinent speech, Mr. Lincoln, counsel for the plaintiff, offered in evidence from a certified copy of the Mayor's communication, the language on which the plaintiff relied as a ground of action.

He then produced Ald. Colby as a witness, who proved the publication of the libel, by his own reading of the communication of the Mayor to the Council, and then being refreshed his memory by a previous report, he stated that Colby is now 51 years of age, resides in Chicago, before spoken of, testified to certain statements made under oath before the Council, during that investigation, relating to conversations between defendant, members of the Council and others, held before the investigation commenced. In these conversations defendant had spoken very freely of Colby's character and practices, and had in connection with the claim for Mendelson, Western Avenue, characterizing the latter as a fraud, a swindle, and Colby himself as a rascal and a scoundrel. This testimony was introduced, on counsel for plaintiff offered, by way of impeachment, to show that defendant in his communication to the Council was actuated by malice against the plaintiff.

Counsel for defendant attempted to cross-examine the witness with reference to the nature of the transactions to which he referred, while speaking of plaintiff, had reference, and thus rebut the presumption of malice, by showing that the language was such as any honest man would naturally apply to transactions of that description. But the Court ruled against the admission of such evidence, on the ground that the language of the libel was in itself actionable, and that the question of its truth or falsity was not in issue, and that the question of malice, if arising, was to be determined by the jury, from the fact of the publication of the libel itself.

A PROFITABLE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.—A few days ago a real estate transaction was consummated, and a profitable one, which will be of interest to many "square men." Mr. Jones, desiring to have a good one of the mention, we give the points: A gentleman by the name of Smith, a resident of Ohio, wanted to purchase a good home in Chicago, and he applied to Jones to find him one. Jones had a lot on Wabash Avenue, which he thought would suit Smith, and he offered it to him at $1,000 cash. Smith said he would take it if it was as Jones had represented it. Jones then went to the lot and measured it, and found it to be 25 feet front, and 125 feet deep. He then went to Smith and told him that he had made a mistake in the size of the lot, and that it was 25 feet front and 125 feet deep, and that he would take it himself at $1,000 cash. Smith said he would take it, and Jones then went to the owner of the lot and purchased it for $500 cash, and made a profit of $500 on the transaction.

Hon. Fr. Dwenger.

We gave yesterday notice of a brief statement of the death of this eminent minister and scholar, at the time of his decease Senior Professor of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston. We learn that he was about 52 years of age, and has lived 20 years in the ministry. Few men have occupied a more conspicuous place in American Methodism. Six years he spent in South American in missionary labor. He was also the pioneer in the establishment of Biblical Institutes for the training of ministers in his church. He was a profound thinker, an earnest worker, a devoted Christian, and a warm advocate of thorough anti-slavery principles. Peace to his ashes! Honor to his memory.

We learn the funeral service will be held in the Evanston M. E. Church to-morrow (Tuesday) at about 10 o'clock, p. m. The time will be fixed by the running of the trains, so persons from the city may go at noon and return. We learn there will be a discourse by Rev. Dr. Eddy, and other appropriate exercises.

The Christian Commission—Rebuke Sent to the Secession Organs.

The meeting under the auspices of the Christian Commission, at the First Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day afternoon, was well attended, and very interesting. Mr. B. F. Jacobs introduced Mr. E. A. Beach, a member of the Christian Commission, just returned from the battle-field of Chickamauga, who entertained the audience for about an hour with a simple and unvarnished recital of incidents tending to illustrate the good that the Christian Commission is accomplishing in the camps of our soldiers. His remarks were exceedingly interesting, and were listened to with great attention. He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Hammond, Chaplain of the 51st Illinois Infantry, who also related many incidents of Christian work in the army. His experience was very similar to that related by Mr. Beach. The Christian Commission, he said, had a great advantage over army chaplains. The former administered physical as well as spiritual comfort, and was able to do a great deal of good by the articles of necessity, for the reception of religious opinions. He had seen men who had been wounded, who, when upon their return, joked and smiled over their hard condition in a spirit of heroism worthy of Spartans.

Capt. D. W. Whitaker, of the 2d Ill. Board of Trade regiment, also spoke of the work of the Commission and pungent manner. He recently visited the Sanitary Commission from the situation on one occasion, and found a lady there who had been two days and two nights without sleep, and who had been on her feet all the time, and yet she was cheerful and happy. She said, the soldiers will be home, she thought, they were finally engaged to be married, entirely without the knowledge or consent of her parents.

The day first for the community thereon to be made together January and May, was Thanksgiving Day, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Of all Illinois family were entirely innocent, so strongly held the old year, held fast, and, as will be seen, had to pay heavily for such conduct, even from the parents and family.

But old Sol had his attention to his sighing than Bertrally, and expressed a deep interest in the Lamont's for the purpose of detail a few words, as between Ward and Wentworth during the security Ward was in which the latter had collected his defalcation, and the latter had said to conceal it. The statements of this paper were the subject of special and prolonged investigation by a committee of the Common Council, with a view to Ward's removal, in the course of which Ramsey was examined before the committee, and gave the following evidence:

1. With swearing into a conspiracy to injure the character of Mayor Wentworth, and defeat his re-election, by making so-called charges against him, thereby endeavoring to procure his removal from office, that he (Ramsey) might receive from the parties who made them, and by so doing, deliberately injuring the good character of the City of Chicago, which as Alderman he is bound to protect.

2. With using improper means to induce other Aldermen to sign a recommendation to have a certain claim paid belonging to Hillsberg and Colby against the City of Chicago, which he (Ramsey) knew to be false, and which was swindling the city if he succeeded in getting it paid.

3. Acting deliberately (having said last charge which he is endeavoring to sell or lay) with such in innocent parties.

4. Having said to Alderman Ingersoll in innocent party issued by the city to Hillsberg and Colby for work done on Western Avenue, amounting with interest thereon to the sum of $50,000, that Colby, the same having in his knowledge been paid by the city, which was false, and he knew it.

5. With using improperly in many ways in matters relating to the city government, during the time that he was an Alderman, which are investigated by the Board will show.

6. In the opinion of a committee has the right to compel witnesses and compel them to answer questions, and respectfully suggest that as the Council has the power it then (after) not yet adopted some early time to investigate these charges, which appear to be found to be true has a sufficient reason to justify such action, to expel Alderman Colby from this body.

Out of this report, the action of the Mayor to the Common Council, arose two judicial, or quasi judicial trials, one of them was the inquiry by the Common Council into the truth of the charges thus preferred by the Mayor, an inquiry occupying some four months, and advertised, reported which was it not made by Hill, the celebrated stenographer, and by Ward, the clerk of the Mayor, prepared and he had at the Mayor's office, for the benefit of all enthusiasts in this description of literature.

The other one was the suit of Colby vs. Ramsey for libel, brought in the Superior Court some two years ago, and tried before Judge Gary on Friday and Saturday.

In this case, plaintiff based his declaration in libel on the words of the two introductory paragraphs of the Mayor's communication, and not on the language contained in the specific charges, themselves, the latter unfortunately falling within the class of privileged communications.

To the declaration, defendant pleaded only the general issue.

The facts and result of the trial were briefly as follows: After opening the case to the jury in a pertinent speech, Mr. Lincoln, counsel for the plaintiff, offered in evidence from a certified copy of the Mayor's communication, the language on which the plaintiff relied as a ground of action.

He then produced Ald. Colby as a witness, who proved the publication of the libel, by his own reading of the communication of the Mayor to the Council, and then being refreshed his memory by a previous report, he stated that Colby is now 51 years of age, resides in Chicago, before spoken of, testified to certain statements made under oath before the Council, during that investigation, relating to conversations between defendant, members of the Council and others, held before the investigation commenced. In these conversations defendant had spoken very freely of Colby's character and practices, and had in connection with the claim for Mendelson, Western Avenue, characterizing the latter as a fraud, a swindle, and Colby himself as a rascal and a scoundrel. This testimony was introduced, on counsel for plaintiff offered, by way of impeachment, to show that defendant in his communication to the Council was actuated by malice against the plaintiff.

Counsel for defendant attempted to cross-examine the witness with reference to the nature of the transactions to which he referred, while speaking of plaintiff, had reference, and thus rebut the presumption of malice, by showing that the language was such as any honest man would naturally apply to transactions of that description. But the Court ruled against the admission of such evidence, on the ground that the language of the libel was in itself actionable, and that the question of its truth or falsity was not in issue, and that the question of malice, if arising, was to be determined by the jury, from the fact of the publication of the libel itself.

JANUARY AND MAY.

Attempted Elopement of an Old Man of Fifty with a School Girl.

A Six-Barrelled Argument Before the Church Door.

Last summer, it will be remembered, the Chicago public "turned its pistols" at if "twice second notice" upon the subject. The exercises thus admitted all to the full privilege, and there was no discrimination between old or young, rich or poor. Many were the hale and hearts that found secluded shady bowers, in which to breathe their first love—this is expected—looked upon as a natural consequence growing out of the pic nic excursion. We may add, too, that it was a part of the programme.

In April was an attachment, formal at first, of the latter Catholic pic-nics which, with its dances, is an admirable a diversion that we give the reader. In the crowd upon the run, on 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th days of May, who, by the 3 P. M. train on West Canal street, was the Rev. Mr. Lamont, a company of a beautiful little miss of fourteen summers, a pretty maiden, and, rose-blushing, and, of course, a young man. The last seven the resident of the City. The old man, attracted by the fair, playful, polite manner of the little miss, paid her fully as much attention as would be expected from a fatherly old man to a pleasant school girl. He attempted his overtures and kind acts while upon the grounds and on their way home, without thinking he meant more than friendly kindness. But the matter did not stop here. The old man had visions of that fair-haired girl ever before his eyes. Whether upon the street or while weighing the rags brought into his store by the ragged urchins and children from the streets, he called was ever upon his mental vision that girl as had met at the pic-nic. But what was to be done? He is an old rag-buyer, and she her budding flower of a wealthy and influential family! How could he dare to ask her hand in marriage—for that was what he had determined upon. In one way and another, without the knowledge of the parents he gained her society, at divers times and places, he invited pleasant upon her, and made him of her (unknowingly) consent to be, and strange still) may room, the two were finally engaged to be married, entirely without the knowledge or consent of her parents.

The day fixed for the ceremony thereon to be made together January and May, was Thanksgiving Day, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Of all Illinois family were entirely innocent, so strongly held the old year, held fast, and, as will be seen, had to pay heavily for such conduct, even from the parents and family.

But old Sol had his attention to his sighing than Bertrally, and expressed a deep interest in the Lamont's for the purpose of detail a few words, as between Ward and Wentworth during the security Ward was in which the latter had collected his defalcation, and the latter had said to conceal it. The statements of this paper were the subject of special and prolonged investigation by a committee of the Common Council, with a view to Ward's removal, in the course of which Ramsey was examined before the committee, and gave the following evidence:

1. With swearing into a conspiracy to injure the character of Mayor Wentworth, and defeat his re-election, by making so-called charges against him, thereby endeavoring to procure his removal from office, that he (Ramsey) might receive from the parties who made them, and by so doing, deliberately injuring the good character of the City of Chicago, which as Alderman he is bound to protect.

2. With using improper means to induce other Aldermen to sign a recommendation to have a certain claim paid belonging to Hillsberg and Colby against the City of Chicago, which he (Ramsey) knew to be false, and which was swindling the city if he succeeded in getting it paid.

3. Acting deliberately (having said last charge which he is endeavoring to sell or lay) with such in innocent parties.

4. Having said to Alderman Ingersoll in innocent party issued by the city to Hillsberg and Colby for work done on Western Avenue, amounting with interest thereon to the sum of $50,000, that Colby, the same having in his knowledge been paid by the city, which was false, and he knew it.

5. With using improperly in many ways in matters relating to the city government, during the time that he was an Alderman, which are investigated by the Board will show.

6. In the opinion of a committee has the right to compel witnesses and compel them to answer questions, and respectfully suggest that as the Council has the power it then (after) not yet adopted some early time to investigate these charges, which appear to be found to be true has a sufficient reason to justify such action, to expel Alderman Colby from this body.

Out of this report, the action of the Mayor to the Common Council, arose two judicial, or quasi judicial trials, one of them was the inquiry by the Common Council into the truth of the charges thus preferred by the Mayor, an inquiry occupying some four months, and advertised, reported which was it not made by Hill, the celebrated stenographer, and by Ward, the clerk of the Mayor, prepared and he had at the Mayor's office, for the benefit of all enthusiasts in this description of literature.

The other one was the suit of Colby vs. Ramsey for libel, brought in the Superior Court some two years ago, and tried before Judge Gary on Friday and Saturday.

In this case, plaintiff based his declaration in libel on the words of the two introductory paragraphs of the Mayor's communication, and not on the language contained in the specific charges, themselves, the latter unfortunately falling within the class of privileged communications.

To the declaration, defendant pleaded only the general issue.

The facts and result of the trial were briefly as follows: After opening the case to the jury in a pertinent speech, Mr. Lincoln, counsel for the plaintiff, offered in evidence from a certified copy of the Mayor's communication, the language on which the plaintiff relied as a ground of action.

He then produced Ald. Colby as a witness, who proved the publication of the libel, by his own reading of the communication of the Mayor to the Council, and then being refreshed his memory by a previous report, he stated that Colby is now 51 years of age, resides in Chicago, before spoken of, testified to certain statements made under oath before the Council, during that investigation, relating to conversations between defendant, members of the Council and others, held before the investigation commenced. In these conversations defendant had spoken very freely of Colby's character and practices, and had in connection with the claim for Mendelson, Western Avenue, characterizing the latter as a fraud, a swindle, and Colby himself as a rascal and a scoundrel. This testimony was introduced, on counsel for plaintiff offered, by way of impeachment, to show that defendant in his communication to the Council was actuated by malice against the plaintiff.

Counsel for defendant attempted to cross-examine the witness with reference to the nature of the transactions to which he referred, while speaking of plaintiff, had reference, and thus rebut the presumption of malice, by showing that the language was such as any honest man would naturally apply to transactions of that description. But the Court ruled against the admission of such evidence, on the ground that the language of the libel was in itself actionable, and that the question of its truth or falsity was not in issue, and that the question of malice, if arising, was to be determined by the jury, from the fact of the publication of the libel itself.

A NEW SCANDAL.

A Priest in a Bad Way.

He is Disrobed for Lascivious-ness.

A few days ago, a disgraceful affair occurred in the city, which, disgraceful as it is the mention of it, we still consider it not fair to impart to our readers.

The week before, a well dressed gentleman of dignified aspect, entered one of the houses of ill fame on South Wells street, and made the acquaintance of the girls who were boarding there. One of them, with whom he became especially intimate, gave him to understand, that she recognized in him a preacher of the gospel, which his whole appearance indicated. He friend denied this accusation, but informed her confidentially, at the same time, exhibiting visible signs of terror, that he was a captain in the rebel army, and had chosen the disguise of a clergyman as the best to secure himself against discovery. With this explanation the girl was completely satisfied. A few days later, the same gentleman returned to the house, and brought back with him a charming young girl, for whom he engaged board as a "very friend" of his; a proceeding which excited the jealousy of his first confidante. The latter, however, seemed to have a sort of first claim upon the world-le Captain of the Southern chivalry, and which led her to attempt to attract his attention were fruitless, mediation resumed. He was on good terms with a policeman, to whom she confided the circumstances and confusion of her jealousies lover. He made his observations accordingly, and on a memorable occasion, found the man and his lady love were arrested at the door of the house, just as they were taking a most affectionate leave of each other. The proposed Southern captain offered his in the usual apparent contentment. After he had exhausted the stock of persuasion upon the iron features of the policeman, he offered the officer $200 in greenbacks to let him and the lady go, but last attempt upon the official was received with indignation, and the guilty pair taken to the station. Another curious point, and which, after mature deliberation, we feel bound to publish, thought that he had seen our face in a police paper, and it was determined to take him to a police of the city, in order, if possible, to identify him.

This was accordingly done, and the captain, who proved to be a man high in the Roman Catholic Church in this city, recognized in the Southern cavalry officer, a lecturer in the same spiritually, who had been publicly disgraced his sacred profession and calling. It is unnecessary to say that the officer's prisoner was immediately disgraced, lose his office, and today mistake to other relations to the Church he has disgraced than those of a layman.

A MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

The Laflin-Flanigan Homicide.

SENTENCE PRONOUNCED BY JUDGE VAN H. HIGGINS, IN THE CASE OF THOMAS LAFLIN.—We have already stated the facts connected with the indictment of Thomas Laflin for the killing of Patrick Flanigan in the Switch House of the M. S. R. R., on the night of the 14th of last April, the plea of manslaughter put in by the prisoner to the indictment, and the trial of the case by the State Prosecution. The readers will remember that Laflin stabbed Flanigan in a fight, which arose out of a dispute concerning the merits of a railroad engineer, and after the Laflin said Flanigan had struck him with a lantern. Yesterday Laflin was brought before the court, and the sentence of the law was pronounced by Judge Van H. Higgins as follows:

You have been indicted by a Grand Jury of this county for the crime of manslaughter committed upon the person of Patrick Flanigan, and have been convicted of that crime, after a trial of the issue, which has been much more painful than it now is. In such case, instead of the punishment which you have now to receive, you would have been condemned to be hanged by the neck until you were dead. In consideration of your good character, the State's attorney and the Court have consented to accept from you a plea of guilty of manslaughter. You have not denied, and you could not deny, that you killed Patrick Flanigan. You cruelly took his life; you did it with premeditated malice, wholly unprovoked, with all the odds upon his head. It is true, that the deceased had struck you with a lantern, and had dared to kick you. But that provocation was not enough to justify your killing him, and you knew it. If that provocation had proved to your honor it was enough, and by the jury, it would have been a good plea in bar.

But the humanity of the law's is so great, that it allows a man who has been struck a blow, which he believes to be unlike to the benefit of such a plea, the benefit of the law has saved you from the penalty of your crime.

But notwithstanding you did not intend to kill Flanigan, you did intend to do a bad and deadly weapon, and that was in your very heart.

You need that weapon in such a way as to indicate that you regarded it as a deadly weapon. Your conference if not fatal manslaughter. You thereby committed a great crime. It was only the provocation made you so wrong, and unfortunately, you have acted, and your former good character, that have saved you from the penalty of your crime. Your friends have done yourself, the jury and the court a great service by their testimony. It will not be forgotten by the jury, nor by the court, and it will be a great consideration in your behalf. If you had been a man of bad character, the jury would have found you guilty of the highest degree of manslaughter, and the court would have sentenced you to the penitentiary for a long term of years. As it is, I am in doubt whether I should have sent you to the penitentiary at all. You will be imprisoned enough in the county jail, and I shall sentence you to the Bridewell for the term of three months, and fine you $100 and costs.

Mr. Lincoln, counsel for the prisoner, moved for a new trial, on the ground that the verdict was contrary to the evidence, and that the sentence was too severe. The motion was overruled, and the prisoner was taken to the Bridewell.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

IN U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.—*Law*—397, Crawford vs. Kelly & Mason, on motion of plaintiff's attorney, leave was granted them to cross-exam. the Gen. Thomas, the deposition of Jesse Lee has been taken on behalf of defendants, by giving defendants a notice of the time and place of taking deposition.

In Chancery—294, Whitney vs. Miller et al. On petition filed, order to be entered as prepared.

SUPERIOR COURT—CRIMINAL DOCKET.—People vs. James Ryan, indictment for larceny; pleaded to counts and defendant guilty.

People vs. Geo. H. Jones and John Carson. Indictment for an assault with intent to do bodily injury. Motion for a new trial overruled and Jones sentenced to county jail for six months, Carson for four months.

CIVIL DOCKET.—*Law*—424, Bancroft et al vs. Johnson et al. Motion for new trial overruled, exceptions entered and Samuel S. Johnson made party to judgment.

Trespass—Ely Coolidge vs. Lind et al. Motion for new trial by defendants overruled and judgment vs. Lind, Post, Field & Carter for $21,000.

Trespass—Ely Coolidge vs. Lind et al. Defendant not guilty. Motion for a new trial by plaintiff.

161—McKindley et al vs. Meeker et al. Rule to show cause why a writ of error should issue.

Replevin—Nahoney vs. Kerr. Rule to plead in 20 days.

71—Bedbury vs. Knights et al. On motion of garnishees, judgment against them not within the payment of payable proceedings, which they have cause to the contrary on or before the first Wednesday of next term, be or be stronger being served with a copy of this order at least ten days before that day, and that execution be stayed in the meantime.

COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

962, Sheldon vs. Doyle; leave given to amend pl. 9, insert after, notice by defendant for continuance or default, defendant excepts.

Ejectment—Ely vs. Miller; suit dis. at P. C. motion sheriff's attorney.

624, Cockran vs. McCarty, *et al*; sealed verdict; defendant guilty; damages 10 cents; motion by sheriff for leave to file sealed verdict; leave granted on verdict.

Ejectment—Ely vs. Horton *et al*; motion to set aside service and subsequent proceedings argued and taken under advisement.

667, Bennett *et al* vs. Jennings *et al*; motion to set aside dismissed, argued, and taken under advisement.

822, Quinlan vs. Zimmer; *Assm.* to $1,000; plea general and demur, sustained, with leave to amend by Monday morning next.

Ejectment—Ely vs. Miller; suit dis. at P. C. motion sheriff's attorney